

The Weather
Today and Thursday—Partly cloudy and comparatively mild; light scattered showers or sun flurries.
Sun rises Thursday 7:46. Sea 7-16. Light vehicles by 8:02.
Maximum Temperature—Tuesday, Maximum, 48 above, Wednesday, Minimum, 31 above.

Wheat Close
WEDNESDAY
WINNIPEG CLOSING—May, 79 1/2; July, 80 1/2.
CHICAGO CLOSING—May, 128 1/2; July, 130; Sept., 131 1/2.
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EDMONTON, ALBERTA—WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 1942

Alien Submarine Sink Or Damage 23 in the New Guinea

SMASH FORWARD ON KALININ FRONT

Russians Capture Vital Nazi Resistance Point Near Rzhev

Air Commander

ACTION AT CLOSE RANGE

Three Subs Pocket Ship Before Sinking Her Off Atlantic Coast

LT-Gen. George H. Brett of the U.S. army, who will command the air forces of the United Nations in the Australian-New Zealand area.

NORFOLK, Va., March 18.—(AP)—Three enemy submarines, one large and two small, pocketed a medium size American merchant ship off the Atlantic coast early Sunday and sent her to the bottom with two torpedoes placed accurately in the engine room.
Six members of the crew lost their lives in the attack, the first since the attack in announcing.

the sinking today. Thirty-three survivors, including the ship's captain, were rescued off the coast of North Carolina, after being drifted on the raft for three to nine hours.
The loss of life resulted from the second torpedo which struck just below one of the boats as it was lowered into the water.
The submarine that fired the second torpedo was about 200 yards from the ship Captain Theodore Brock reported.

FOLLOWING WAR

Alaska Road Becomes Part Of Canada Highway System

Gen. MacArthur Puts Confidence In Australians

MELBOURNE, March 18.—(AP)—Australia confidently and willingly accepted today an American command of all her defense—land, sea and air—under the leadership of Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

British Left Wing In Burma Is Drawn Back

NEW DELHI, March 18.—(CP)—The British left wing in Burma has drawn back about 30 miles, it was disclosed today in a communique which announced "new forward troops are in action with a strong enemy force south of Mandalay."

Today's War Moves

By LOUIS F. KEMBLE
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The MacArthur appointment to Australia was a significant morale as an important military victory, and it must have been a sharp jolt to the Japanese.
It implies much more than just the defense of Australia; it means for one in the war, the choice of time and place of attack is not the enemy's. Failure to check the cumulative offensive power being poured into Australia by the United States will mean his defeat in the long run.
The time element makes it seem increasingly probable that it is continuing on Page 3, Col. 8

North Is Exempt From Gas Ration

OTTAWA, March 18.—(CP)—The Yukon and the Northwest Territories will be exempt from gasoline rationing, it was announced today by Munitions Minister Howe.
Mr. Howe said total sales in those areas are too small to justify the expensive administrative machinery which would be necessary in applying the rationing system.

Today's News On Inside Pages

- The Weather
- Police Report
- Rio in Bucharest
- App. Rounding Up
- Bliss Society Meets
- Nazi E-Boat Sunk
- Move in Desert Battle
- Dorothy Thompson
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- Chinese Girls at War
- Canada's War Cost
- France Lacks Heart For War
- Supplies to Hong Kong
- British Leaders Papped
- Building For Vets
- McKenna's Loan Drive
- Pictorial Meet Planned
- Alaska's Fueling Gains
- Half-Dollar Tax Increase
- Bertel Budget Highlights
- Dorothy M. Hightower
- Chowchow in Russia
- Serial Credit Board
- 14th in Battle
- Radio Guide
- Canadian Corps Tactics
- Comics
- Serial Story
- Hanson Asks What Probe
- Japan Transport Problem

The Australian army will retain its identity within the Allied framework under an Australian command answerable to Gen. MacArthur. Administrative details probably will be shared by an Allied war council in the Australian-New Zealand area, with Australian and American commanders of the separate branches as members under Gen. MacArthur's chairmanship.

Sir Henry Pownall Assumes Command Of Ceylon's Army

COLOMBO, Ceylon, March 18.—(AP)—Lt-Gen. Sir Henry Pownall has assumed command of the army on this strategic island off India's southeast coast, it is announced.
Vice-Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, who has assumed command of the island's naval forces, held a press conference "we are faced with a new and extremely efficient enemy, but that there was no sense of fear or panic."

With the enemy already at her gates and the first phases of the battle for the continent being waged in the seas and skies off the north coast, the Commonwealth was electrified by news of MacArthur's arrival.
Besides Gen. MacArthur, for the defense of Australia and also general command on Page 3, Col. 6

CANADIAN GETS MILITARY MEDAL FOR HIS EXPLOIT

SOMEWHERE IN ENGLAND, March 18.—(CP) Cable—For secret exploit that required personal courage, Corporal Sapper Fraser, Humberston, Dartmouth, N.S., has been awarded the military medal, it was announced today in Canadian army routine orders.
The exploit occurred several months ago, and Humberston is now back with the Canadian company of the Royal Canadian Engineers wearing the red, white and blue ribbon on his battle dress.

MacARTHUR'S TASK NOT EASY

Army Experts Warn Against False Optimism Over Australian Defence

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER
WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Gen. Douglas MacArthur is facing an extremely formidable task in directing the battle for Australia, military experts here declared today in cautioning against a wave of false optimism.
"The odds, they pointed out, are still heavily in the enemy's favor, however much the United Nations may have been harassed by at-

3,000 Japs Will Be Transferred From B.C. East

VANCOUVER, March 18.—(CP)—Labor Minister Mitchell said today arrangements had been made for the transfer of 3,000 Japanese Nationals from the British Columbia coastal defense zone to northern Ontario for work in the forests.
Premier Hepburn of Ontario said at Toronto today that British Columbia Japanese might be brought into Ontario for work in the forests, but he said the federal authorities would take responsibility for the transfer. He said the transfer would be no charge to the province or communities affected.

Beaverbrook Going To U.S. In New Post

LONDON, March 18.—(CP)—Beaverbrook, former minister of war production, will go to the United States, it was announced today.
A spokesman, dispelling recent doubts as to whether Lord Beaverbrook would continue official work after the dropping of the war cabinet, said the publisher would perform "such other duties as may be entrusted to him from time to time by the war cabinet."

Single Command For All Forces On Both Coasts

OTTAWA, March 18.—(AP)—Both eastern and west coast defense forces will be placed under a single commander-in-chief. The move is designed to achieve unity of command over the army, air force and naval units assigned to defense of the areas.
The commander-in-chief will be the senior member of the joint service committee for each area.

Pensions Booster

Higher Pension Now Sought By Woman Member

Urging that the federal government increase old age pensions to \$50 a month and lower the pension age to 60 years, Mrs. Cornelia Bailey Wood, S.C. Stony Plain, who is sponsoring a resolution in the legislature advocating increase in the monthly pension payment to \$50 and the lowering of the qualifying age to 60 years.

The entire German defensive system in the west was imperilled by the latest Russian successes, the dispatches said. The system was said to be based upon nine inhabited points defended by two infantry regiments, one regiment of heavy artillery and "many" units of anti-tank, mine-borders and flame-borders.

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12 Warships Among Vessels Smashed By U.S. Australian Force

By LYLE C. WILSON
WASHINGTON, March 18.—(BUP)—The navy announced today that combined operations of American and Australian land-based air forces had sunk or damaged 23 Japanese ships, including 12 warships, near Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea.

U.S. Submarine Presumed Lost

In the same communique the navy disclosed that the U.S. submarine Shark was overdue in the Far East and presumed lost, that damage to the U.S. submarine Sea Lion at Cavite was so bad that she was destroyed to prevent her capture, and that the damaged U.S. submarine Stewart was demolished in dry dock at Surabaya to prevent her capture.

Text of the communique:

"Far East—Combined operations of American and Australian land-based forces were conducted recently against Japanese ships and land installations in and near Salamaua and Lae in New Guinea.

Three operations are believed to have resulted in the sinking of two enemy heavy cruisers, heavy damage to, and the probable sinking of one light cruiser, damage to a fourth cruiser; the probable sinking of one destroyer; the possible sinking of two destroyers and damage to one large destroyer.

"Five transports or cargo ships were either sunk or gutted by fire and run aground. One heavy bomb hit was secured on each of two transports, one troop ship was damaged and left burning and three other transports were damaged.

Aircraft Tender Heavily Damaged

"One aircraft tender was heavily damaged and two gunboats were damaged, one of which was left burning and is believed to have sunk. One mine sweeper was left in flames and probably sank.

"Three seaplanes were shot down and many small boats were demolished. Considerable damage was done to enemy shore installations, aircraft runways and anti-aircraft batteries.

"The heavy losses inflicted on the enemy by the combined American and Australian forces were accomplished with the loss of but one plane.

"The U.S. submarine Shark has been overdue in the Far East for more than a month and must be presumed to be lost. The next of kin of the personnel of the Shark have been notified.

"During the month of December, the U.S. submarine Sea Lion which was under extensive overhaul at Cavite, was so damaged as to necessitate her demolition to prevent her use by the enemy in the event of capture.

Ship Demolished In Drydock

"Early this month the damaged U.S. destroyer Stewart was demolished in the drydock at Surabaya to prevent her falling into the hands of the enemy.

"Previous efforts to put her in serviceable condition had failed.

"There were no personnel casualties in the cases of the Sea Lion and the Stewart.

"There is nothing to report from other areas."

2 U.S. Ships Sunk Off Eastern Coast

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—The navy announced today that two United States merchant vessels have been torpedoed off the Atlantic coast. The brief announcement gave no details, and described the ships merely as "two additional U.S. merchant vessels."

Third U.S. Draft Lottery Adds Huge Number To Army

By JOSEPH L. MYLER
WASHINGTON, March 18.—(BUP)—The first World War II draft lottery added 1,084,000 men to the armed forces that are spread from Ireland to Australia.
It was the third lottery under the present selective service law, but the first since Japan attacked Pearl Harbor. Three lotteries were held during World War I.

Alberta District News Brief

Funeral Held For Wetaskiwin Man

WETASKIWIN—Funeral services for John Henry Walker, 61, who died in Calgary last week, were held from the Campbell Funeral Chapel Saturday with the Rev. A. W. Williams officiating. Graveside services were conducted by the Elder Lodge. The late Mr. Walker had for the past 27 years been local agent for the Imperial Oil Company and previous to that time had engaged in the hardware business here. He was also a member of the Old Timers Association.

He leaves his wife, one son John W. in the R.C.A.P.; three daughters Mrs. George Orloff, of Winnipeg; Mrs. Ken Smith of Red Deer and Mrs. Charles B. Sinclair of Calgary; three sisters, Mrs. Elder Davies of Vancouver, Mrs. Maude Trussell of Taber and Mrs. Gertrude Bullock of Wetaskiwin, B.C., one brother William Walker of Taber.

Honorary pallbearers were R. M. Angus, H. J. Montgomery, B. D. Howatt, V. E. Thompson, G. V. Baylis and C. McMurdo, active pallbearers were W. J. Burroughs, L. O. Kelley, E. D. O'Neill, T. J. Steedman, Wm. Gilson and Clarence Isaacson, interment took place in the Wetaskiwin cemetery.

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Two Crows Enjoy Winter Visiting Mr. Andriowski

TWO HILLS—A pair of crows, the Alberta University, have been visiting the home of Mr. Andriowski, 1001 10th St. S.W., for the past few days. The crows, which were fed by William Andriowski, were seen on the roof of the house. They were seen on the roof of the house. They were seen on the roof of the house.

Many claim the birds' long stay in Alberta is unusual, but it is pointed out that the comparatively mild weather and Mr. Andriowski's thoughtfulness kept the crows here.

Drummond Hallen, pianist; Patricia Norrie, violinist; B. A. Paigell, cellist; Shirley Nohr, vocalist.

W. H. Odell, K.C., has been named returning officer in the plebiscite on April 27 for the Wetaskiwin constituency.

With The Men In Uniform

WAINWRIGHT—St. Paul and Phil Stuart returned to L.C.A. duties at the week-end following leave from their homes in Regina and relatives here.

HANNA—L.C. Clarence H. Hanna, 1001 10th St. S.W., is a member of the R.C.A.P. and is spending the week-end at his home in Regina.

ENTWISTLE—Pat Sullivan is taking army training at Campese. Florence Hanna has joined the women's division of the R.C.A.P. and is spending the week-end at her home in Regina.

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Farmers Protest Cheque Delays

BALF—Much criticism is being voiced at the Melrose municipal office in Rosalia against the payment system and the Prairie Farm Assistance authorities for not getting the cheques mailed out sooner. Many are in urgent need for food for themselves as well as for cattle and also for the purchase of seed grain.

Mr. and Mrs. R. R. Roth entered the North-West C.P. Club last week. Winners were Mrs. A. Baby, S. Jacobson, Austin Young and Mrs. A. Baby.

Mr. Ollie Swanson has purchased the house belonging to the late Matt Rose estate from A. Matzen, Mr. and Mrs. Hugo Paulson, present residents in the Matzen property, have purchased the Mrs. Ida Chapin property in North-West C.P. Club last week. Winners were Mrs. A. Baby, S. Jacobson, Austin Young and Mrs. A. Baby.

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SIDE GLANCES



Chinese Girls At War

Young Women Boost Troops' Morale

By LELAND STOWE

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WITH THE CHINESE ARMY IN BURMA, March 18—

"My Lord, that's a woman!"

What prompted my companion's exclamation was not the presence of a woman in the zone but the fact that this girl's bobbed black hair was protruding beneath a Chinese soldier's cap and hanging across the neck of the regulation Chinese army uniform.

"On yes," he said, "we have about 100 Chinese girls with every Chinese division. They polish uniforms and the bamboo poles and laden buckets, we would have missed her—and—"

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U.S. Sub Rescue Of Britons Was Ticklish Job

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"The battle had drifted from us when the Electra sank and we were on floats and rats on the full moon," said a survivor from a float on which 41 men died.

"About 3:15 a.m. Feb. 28 we sighted an American submarine on the surface. It stopped and picked up us. And let me pay tribute to the courage and seamanship of the Lieutenant-Commander of this submarine and his crew."

The submarine cruised around the wreck for 11 hours and then to its normal crew of 34 it added 41 dead and 40 then carried on the search for more survivors until dawn made it imperative to return.

"The submarine went on with its job of day offensive patrol. Conditions became very bad for all of us. Our ratings had ever been in the water for 11 hours. Four of us were transferred to a minesweeper and reached Java at March 18."

Canadian Wheat Stores Stand At 477,618.195 Bushels

OTTAWA, March 18—(CP)—Overseas export of Canadian wheat totalled 1,587,781 bushels in the week ending March 13 compared with 423,880 in the corresponding week of 1941.

Accumulated total for the 32 weeks ending March 13 compared with 50,203,331 bushels compared with 73,672,646 for the same period of 1941.

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Changes in U.S. Naval Commands Are Announced

WASHINGTON, March 18—(AP)—The United States Navy announced yesterday that Rear-Admiral Adolphus Rogers, U.S.N., was assigned to "exclusive duty" as commander of the eastern sea frontier.

He will be replaced as commander of the third naval district at New York by Rear-Admiral Edward J. Margawer.

Vicar Interned

QUEBEC, March 18—(AP)—Rev. Pierre Blais, a member of the Dominion Order and Vicar General of the Diocese of Sherbrooke, has been interned in Japan, according to word reaching here Tuesday.

His wife, who is a nurse, is also interned in Japan.

The girls were wearing collared uniforms of khaki. They carried themselves very erect and in their manner showed themselves accustomed to military discipline.

The girls were very patriotic and very good for the soldiers' morale.

The office took us to meet a group of 10 of these girls soldiers who are the first Chinese of their kind to join the army.

They were all girls between 18 and 21 and most of them had left high schools to join the army. Some of them looked terribly young but they were all well-trained and seemed as fit as college athletes.

PRIZED PRIVATES

Unfortunately we were unable to converse with them very much because their captain was so excitedly eager to tell us all the particulars in all the talking.

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The latter permit is for \$80,000, and the contractors for the work are Messrs. Bennett & White, Edmonton. Architects are Messrs. Macdonald & Macdonald, the Edmonton office.

A permit for \$1,000 was issued to Martin for structural alterations at a dwelling located at 9023 106 street, and permits for dwellings were issued to H. Ivan Hill, 10725 Saskatchewan drive; Sam Gregoire, 11421 8th street; J. P. Kest, 1422 14th street; and E. W. Bell, 2024 14th street.

Sales by the city land department during the past few days have been extremely heavy with more than 15 permits being sold since Monday. Ten permits were made with prospective home buyers.

THE INQUIRING REPORTER
With the restrictions on canned goods coming into effect in the city, the question of the marketing of vegetables and fruits has become a problem.

CHARLES O. TANNY
telling friends on Jasper of a recent business trip down the river.

AND
A. Fraser Duncan, K.C., discussing the situation with the city architect, Bert Nichols, regarding the extra office help.

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15 HONOR PENNANTS

Fort McMurray Tops All

North Alberta Loan Drive By 482 Per Cent Of Quota

Subject to a few minor adjustments, the results of the recent Victory Loan campaign throughout the 54 rural units of northern Alberta were released Wednesday by H. M. E. Evans, provincial vice-chairman of the War Finance Committee, and in charge of the campaign for the northern half of the province.

The rural units had subscribed a gross of \$2,151,750, which is 1892 per cent of the original quota of \$1,138,000 and about 70 per cent above the amount subscribed during the first Victory Loan campaign last June. A total of 16,631 citizens purchased bonds or stamps, as compared with 8,232 last year.

All 54 divisions, into which the 54 units were divided, exceeded their original quotas, with 14 of the divisions more than doubling the original amount. The total of 16,631 citizens purchased bonds or stamps, as compared with 8,232 last year.

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HEARTENING TO WRITER

Canadian Commanders Overseas Review Corps Tactics

'Tactical Conclave' Studies, Probes, Revises, Improvises To Meet New Conditions

By KIM BEATTIE

With the Canadian Army (Overseas)—The changing scenes and absorbing interests of the military writer's unit-unit tour of the Canadian Corps, took upon him in such a close-packed stream that he is fortunate to obtain more than a confused medley of martial impressions. He is lucky if he finishes with better than a shuffling and disconnected procession of random recollections.

But during this winter's (London-dubbed) lullaby, such a piece-meal panorama of the Canadian Corps was all that could be expected. Lieut.-Gen. H. D. G. Crerar, D.S.O., acting Corps Commander, insisted that the lessons of last autumn's large-scale manoeuvres should be incorporated into each unit's training with dispatch. Further, when weather and other factors shut down on great field exercises, General McNaughton sent the Canadian Corps "back to school" and General Crerar, who took over at the first of the year, shortly ordered that this new instructional knowledge and tactical training should be installed and drilled with relentless urgency. The Canadian Corps is on the edge of another "invasion season."

The result was intensive training, hardening and lightning, by unit. It was possible to criticize or admire the mold or finish of a single cog, but difficult to discover the marvel precision and power in the whole, intricate machine.

COMPLEX BUT SINGLE ENTITY

But in the midst of this scattered, if ceaseless, preparation, I encountered my most indelible experience of all the best of them that grip the visitor to the home of the Canadian Corps. For nearly a week I sat well back and observed the Canadian fighting machine in its true, revealing perspective—saw it as the immensely powerful and complex, but single entity which it is.

Over a period of five of the most fascinating and informative days experienced in two wars, I discovered how the Canadian Corps works. I saw what makes it tick, together and apart, saw who directs its large and small units, and what manner of men they are. I envisioned it mustered in detail, and assembled to strike. I saw how close-knit and how the Corps keeps the eggs clicking in unison, watched pre-battle planning for all operations and learned how the command, which will move and fight in the full might of disciplined, cohesive strength and unshakable singleness of purpose.

During these memorable days the complete galaxy of Canadian action commanders and "G" (Operational) staff officers—the "fighting" leaders—were assembled together, ranged around a great amphitheatre, and earnestly preoccupied with a probing review of Canadian Corps tactics.

COMMANDERS AROUND SAND TABLE

In the pit below them was a giant sand-table. On it the field and staff officers of each of the fighting arms and ancillary services in turn, staged minor operations and major engagements, and explained how they intended to fight—support, feint, deploy, withdraw, assault, or strike—on the battlefield. For five days the Canadian tacticians who will defend ground, raid, harass, or assault the Wehrmacht's front-line, demonstrated their skill, drew on their store of modern speed-tactics, and of the fighting lore of the great tactics of the past.

And always that formidable array of grim battle-commanders and their staff officers started down from their tiered seats, sternly weighed the disposition and movement of troops, tanks, guns, supports, ammunition and supplies.

I would like to impress just what that meant. No staff college ever saw anything like it. For it meant that groups of Canada's actual fighting captains and their staffs, one battle headquarters after another, offered up their personal tactical concepts and favored private doctrines of war for judgment. Not before the enemy it is true, but before the most bluntly critical and ruthlessly discerning audience on God's warping earth—the entire magnificent roll of key fighting men of the Canadian Corps. Of the seniors, only General McNaughton, now in Canada on an important mission, was missing.

CONCLAVE OF TACTICIANS

The remarkable conclave of tacticians was not only unique because it was the first time for the historical record that all the action-leaders, and their staffs of the Canadian Corps had come together under one roof. It was one of the most morally courageous scenes we have ever witnessed. The Canadian officer is confident and sure, but I imagine that some of the brigade, battalion and battery commanders, and senior "G" officers who have preferred facing the most vaunted Nazi formations on the field, at long odds, to displaying their grasp of modern armored

Canadian Corps Commander



Lieut. General A. G. L. McNaughton, C.B., C.M.G., D.S.O., M.C., LL.D., who commands the Canadian Corps, is the typical modern commander. Noted in the fields of science and soldiering, he combines both as a foremost soldier-scientist.

keen, deeply interested, and at the close of each day with congratulations for the skill exhibited, gave advice and counsel from past and current campaigns, and the views and practices of the British Army. General Crerar, clear, logical, always constructive, and given to observations striking in their discernment and scope, debated tactics and decisively agreed or disagreed with his major-generals, brigadiers, colonels and lieutenant-colonels without reserve or distinction.

That was the prevailing mood of the 10 morning and afternoon tactical sessions. It was all done in high good humor, but if words were impersonal they were neither misused nor wasted. Dispassionate critics disregarded rank and reputation, and were unswayed by crossed swords and batons. The senior field and staff officers of the Canadian Corps theoretically took their hair down, and literally their coats off to thrust out tactical theory, method and practice.

It was an historic free-for-all of criticism. Everyone enthusiastically picked everyone else's brains. They winnowed the chaff, flung out flaws, ruthlessly banished, bolstered and strengthened, tested and tightened, discarded and adopted, changed and explored. Important and secret things were

inevitably bared, but it was revealing to note how little finishing there was actually to be done in the setup and smooth-working of the Canadian fighting structure.

OPINIONS WERE BLUNT

Every criticism was constructive. When a doctrine was ridiculed, the answer was produced. When unorthodox ideas were held too impracticable, the theorist was given sound reason. If a commander of field artillery, of Bofors or anti-tank guns did not like his assigned job, or the role of it, he tersely said so, and why. If too much or too little was left to the 27 mortars, the Bren guns, the infantry bayonets and Tommy guns, the men who lead them made their protest with clipped phrases.

The general atmosphere is con-jurable if you envision a well-known tank brigadier giving tongue. When discussion time came, and tanks were in the battle-plan, he rose, unrolled his muffled sheet, his British warm, and in typical stance—hands on hips and grizzled head pug-naciously forward—proceeded to lose his opinions. When he thought that the infantry neglected the power and weight of his tank brigade, those opinions were blunt. When the tacticians seemed to him to have erected a pure defence against oncoming panzers, they were blunter.

Bludgeons of common sense came from officers who were not particularly known as keen tank men; though the Canadians have had to concentrate on a defence against a horde from the sky after they disclosed their assault-mindedness in their grasp of armored tactics. There was a remarkable combination of intimate knowledge of both of armored-infantry and infantry-guerrilla fighting.

EMPHASIS ALWAYS ON NEED

Time-endured rivalry of services was rampant. The infantry jibed at the Guns, the Mortars and Machine-guns twisted, but seriously applauded, the Bomber Barrage airmen; the Engineers, Signals, Army Service Corps and Ordnance wailed caustic when the fighting arms failed to appreciate their worth, ability and problems. Wit and pungent humor eased the sting when a battle-piece was ripped apart, but each tactical setup was of immeasurable value in helping the various arms and services to understand and know each other.

Methods of obtaining fast artillery and bomber support were revisited to warm a last-war footsloggers' heart. Always, the emphasis was on speed, on cutting time. Instantly, tightly keyed signal arteries were held indispensable.

Finally, one feature stood out like a beacon. Beyond the last, General Crerar, the Canadian Corps is directed, staffed and led by the planist and not the opinionist.

TACTICAL INNOVATIONS WELCOME

No rule mind which had mistaken stubborn adherence to rote doctrine for firm character could find fault with this bat-tle of criticism. No

Brass Hat of the unyielding type which has been so much, and often so justly, condemned in recent years, could have stomached that flood of unorthodox but sound suggestion. The Canadians undoubtedly hold that no tactic is unbreakable, that any device, ruse, stratagem or innovation is worth exploring—and may be used by the enemy. They don't underestimate his resource.

To the writer the gathering was a tremendous experience. It would have been to anyone, just as it must have been to the tacticians themselves.

You could travel from one end of the Canadian defence position in the British Isles to the other, as I have done, without being struck by the iron-flow that these fighting leaders and battle directors actually constitute in the make-up of the Corps. You could watch their units reacting to their personality and drive, as well as their orders, but you might still fail to assess the true wealth—arms we possess in these skilled, hard-headed, resolute men.

YOUNG BRIGADIERS AND COLONELS

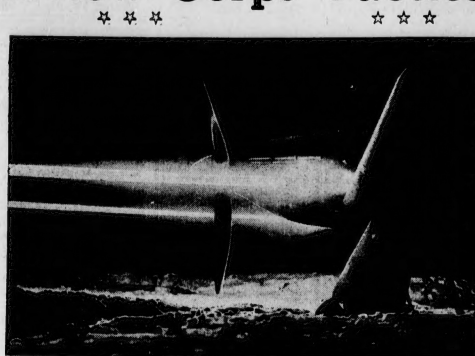
But you saw it in this picturesque mass-study of tactics. Here were new armored troopers and hardened soldiers of the trench-jockey war. Here were starry, war-wise infantry brigadiers and colonels, wearing gallantry medals and orders of chivalry. Here was a lean divisional commander with the old rose of the Victoria Cross on his battle-dress, and here another major-general with both the commissioned and non-commissioned soldier's honor decorations. Here were assault-trained engineers of Coast, du Nord; supply column commanders from Vimy's plank road; old full-crescent signallers of Ypres' cable trenches, turned radio experts; and gunners of Valenciennes, greatest of all Canadian artillery shoots.

And thickly sprinkled through the iron-grays and resolute purpose of experience, were many trim, alert brigadiers and colonels—to young they almost startled—to provide the grand leavening of resilience and imagination with the way and the battle-proven. Watching them, I acquired an exultant sort of confidence. For there will be cold efficiency amid tumult and confusion. Here were men who will be imperious to panic, unswayed by set-back and seeming defeat. Here will be clarity and decision and sureness. There will be no incredible blundering into chaos and fantastic blundering out again with such staffing and leading.

REHEARSAL FOR ACTION

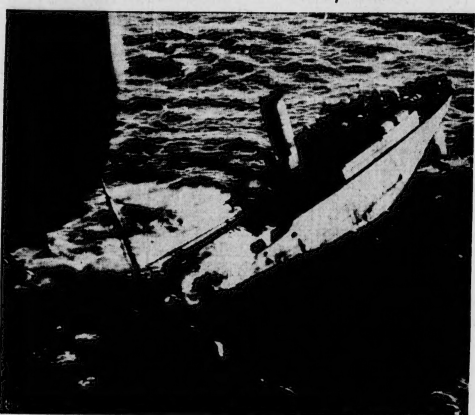
The martial scene was even more impressive through the realization that the actors will react on the battlefield the very roles I watched. Battle-plans were mounted by same officers who may fight that actual battle on that identical battlefield. Some of the sand-contours represented key Canadian positions in the British Isles. It was like watching a far-off while the Canadian Corps defended Britain against an invading Nazi horde.

There is little doubt that the momentous tactical conference strengthened and heartened all concerned for the hard road, which, soon or late, lies ahead. The whole complex fighting machine is tightened and girded.



Deadly power of a British Hurricane fighter's 1600-bullet-a-minute machine guns strikingly portrayed by bursts of tracer bullet fire, stabbing through the darkness of a snow-covered airfield in England.

Sub Victim Sinks Off Jersey Coast



Barnegat, N.J.—The 6776-ton American tanker Gulftrade which was split in half by a torpedo 3 1/2 miles off here, about sixty miles from New York, is shown sinking in the Atlantic. Note part of U.S. plane from which picture was taken. Sixteen men were saved from the tanker, but eighteen are missing and believed lost.

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Every unit may avoid mistakes and confusion it might have met in action; they will all fight more efficiently and effectively, and

will be greater in battle, because of the closer insight acquired in those five days by their staff officers and commanders.

First Photos: U.S. Fliers In Australia

"Twenty-One, Twenty-Two . . ."

In There Punching



Safely landed on an airfield "Somewhere in Australia," members of the crew of a U.S. Flying Fortress count the bullet holes in one wing of their plane after an encounter with the Japanese. Before arriving in Australia, this plane saw action in the Philippines.



After blasting the Japanese in the Philippines, the Yankee flyer pictured after preparing to take off again—this time from an Australian field, as the hammering campaign against the invaders continues without let-up. The flyer, with a thumb up for victory, is wearing an oxygen mask. He is shown aboard a Flying Fortress. This photo is one of the first to show U.S. pilots in Australia.

Acting Commander Of Corps



Lieut. General H. D. G. Crerar, D.S.O., who recently reverted in rank to command a Canadian division overseas, is acting Corps Commander while Lt. Gen. McNaughton is in Canada. General Crerar was formerly Chief of the General Staff at Ottawa. The picture was made at his desk in England a few weeks ago.

By Priscilla Wayne

swallowed. The insect showed no signs of inconvenience or discomfort. What luck in an air-raid!

